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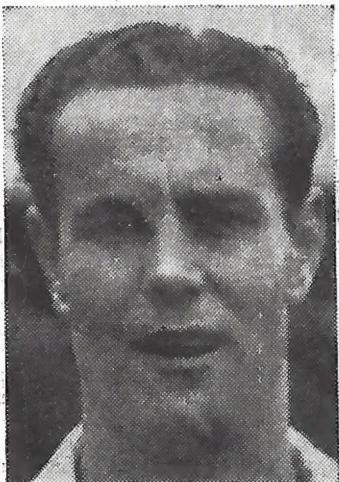
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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



The story of the Adelaide disaster has been told in the daily Press. Reference to it is also made on another page. Brighter news was the performances of our players in the Sydney trial game. Eric Heath, Joe Wilson and Tom Jack seem to have been impressive.

The South Australian trip should help to dispel the feeling of complacency that has crept into our State since the draw with the Yugoslavs and our overwhelming defeat of South Australia last year. The selectors have undoubtedly got their biggest headache for many years. Whereas it had been hoped that with one or two more State Trials a few improvements might be made in the Victorian side before it meets the English tourists, it is now only too plain that the team will have to be almost completely rebuilt (with or without the assistance of a well-known newspaper correspondent).

One highlight of the trip was the fact that the "Argus" saw fit to send its Soccer correspondent to Adelaide especially for the game. No doubt now that Soccer is getting well set in Victoria other papers will in due time take a similar course over future tours.

"Soccer News" was there in force. Two of its staff were in the team. The editor drove over by motor-car. Our "Ace" photographer went "on his own hook" and was last seen bewailing that to get good pictures he had to stay in the Victorian goal all the time. Some of these "shots" will later appear in "Soccer News."

The "Soccer News" badges were much admired in a State where they have no "Rag" of their own. The story was flying round that our well-known Scottish columnist was seen under the shower with his badge "pinned" on his chest with a piece of elastoplast, but we feel that it is only fair to give him the benefit of the doubt.

The two rounds of fixtures played on Wednesday (Jubilee Day) and last Saturday have made a difference in the League tables as will be seen on reference to them on our back page. The defeat of Box Hill by Yallourn gave the Gippslanders and Brighton a lift in the First Division.

J.U.S.T., which had a three-point lead over its nearest rivals in the Second Division, has had two points removed from its total by the League Management Committee for a technical infringement.

We are at last, it will be seen, beginning to receive a few Junior League tables. This, we are sure, our Junior supporters will appreciate. We would like to point out—in view of the many queries we have had—that we do not compile the tables. This job is done by the two associations concerned and we are happy to print them.

We suggest that all fans turn up once more at Olympic Park tomorrow for the fourth State Trial game. We need your support.

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Police, Barbed Wire, and a Football Match

A letter from "Soccer News" Overseas Correspondent, RICHARD DREYFUS.

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Hello, Victorian Soccer fans!

I'm writing to you from Rome—about mounted police, barbed wire, newsreel cameras—and a match between two Italian city teams, which I watched at Rome's "Stadium Nationale" the other day.

Thirsting for a good game I crammed on a bus from the centre of the city. I knew I caught the right one, as the red and yellow colors of Roma Football Club were in evidence on most of the passengers. They wore them on jockey caps, forage caps, as badges on lapels and dresses. They were well dressed, for Sunday is a holiday for the Italian people and the weekly football afternoon an event to be respected.

Out of the bus and into the impressive concrete-stand rectangular stadium. Formerly known as Mussolini's Forum, it holds 50,000 comfortably.

Entering the steeply-banked stand in front of newsreel cameras and a battery of microphones and loudspeakers, I was just in time to see a fleet of ground attendants wheel out the fire hoses. Fires in concrete stands? No, just to keep the crowds in order.

Stationed around the ground, underneath the six feet high concrete wall (which is topped by five feet of mesh and barbed wire), were more than 50 police, with revolvers sticking suspiciously out of their holsters.

But lest you be alarmed that these were used during the hectic afternoon, let me say now in all fairness to the 30,000 whistling, hooting, chanting Italians that I did not see a single brawl.

First Roma Club team came out of the dressing-room. The masses rose to their feet and cheered. Then Lucchese Club emerged. They had travelled 150 miles from Lucca, a small city north of Rome, and were greeted by stony silence.

Although the ground was soggy, both teams turned on a fine display of Continental-style football. The ball was passed from back to half-back, to the outside man and into the centre. I thought both inside and centre forwards missed many opportunities to score by not shooting immediately they were in possession. They preferred to pass backwards and forwards, only to lose the ball to the opponents' backs.

Free kicks were freely awarded by the sleek-haired imperturbable referee. His eyes were always quick to seize on off-side offences. When Rome's outside-right threw the ball away in a fit of bad temper, after being penalised for tripping, he made him retrieve it and place it in position for Lucchese's kick.

At half-time, with no goal having been scored, the spectators adjourned for a little wine. This was sold in foil-sealed nubbler-sized glass jars. Chocolate-coated ice creams were also popular.

Ten minutes before the end Lucchese scored from a scramble in front. Roma seemed to lose heart and the game went on to a tame 1-0 finish. Not even the "Ro-ma, Ro-ma, Ro-ma" chant of their supporters could spur them on to equalise. Best players on the ground were Lucchese half-back captain and Roma's outside-left, one of three Swedes playing in that team.

As I pushed my way out I compared standards with Australia. I came to the conclusion that Victoria's team, which beat South Australia last year, would also "toss" Lucchese. Our boys would be too big and fit for the pint-sized Italians.

Outside the gate a parlor coach waited to take the visitors home. It was surrounded by 20 mounted police, armed with revolvers and rubber truncheons.

Let's hope that when Victorian Soccer reaches Italian proportions this won't be necessary.

Good-bye for today from Rome.

Propaganda and Publicity Committee

In the last 12 months we have had the pleasure of listening to a number of radio broadcasts on Soccer on Friday nights. This has been due entirely to the enthusiasm shown by Mr. Ted Lowe.

At a recent Council meeting Ted was invited to accept the position of chairman of the Propaganda and Publicity Committee, owing to Mr. Thomas's resignation, due to the fact that he was unable to devote sufficient time to publicity whilst he was fully occupied in other activities for the V.A.S.F.A. Mr. Lowe accepted the position, and we have pleasure in advising club officials and Soccer supporters generally that Ted has now arranged for Soccer broadcasts to be a regular programme every Saturday morning in future. These commenced last Saturday, May 12.

The station will be 3UZ and the time approximately 10.15 a.m. each Saturday. The session is being sponsored by London Stores and the V.A.S.F.A. Don't forget to tune in on Saturdays from now on and when shopping in the city, don't forget your sponsors.

Each week we hope to have club representatives and other sporting personalities interviewed on our sessions. In this regard our committee will require from various clubs details of their history, together with the background and careers of their officials and players for use at appropriate times.

We therefore appeal to all club secretaries that when contacted for the above information we hope to receive the fullest co-operation to enable our plans to work smoothly from week to week. Don't forget that YOUR Club is receiving publicity as well as the game as a whole. Each club will be notified either by Mr. Lowe or myself in plenty of time when they are required, but it is suggested that club secretaries start to get their material together as it may be your turn next. We are sure to feature representatives of the English team whilst in Melbourne on King's Birthday week-end, so listen to our sessions, talk about them, and with your full co-operation we can boost Soccer in Melbourne to an extent never before achieved.

A. JARVIS,
Member of Propaganda and Publicity Committee.



SECRETARY'S NOTES

Yallourn S.C.—R. V. Goodwin has resigned as secretary and the new secretary appointed is Mr. J. G. Ferguson, 7 The Angles, Yallourn, to whom all correspondence should be sent.

Transfer Forms.—Any player wishing to transfer must in future forward the sum of 2/6 to the secretary of the V.A.S.F.A. when a form will be issued. No applications for forms will be entertained if received from clubs.

Results of Matches.—It is regretted that a number of results recently phoned to the "Herald" office have not been taken down properly and printed incorrectly. This means that the League Tables have had to be adjusted. It is understood that the trouble has now been rectified.

League Tables.—The four Senior Divisions are compiled by the Secretary and the three Reserve Divisions by the Assistant Secretary. If there are any queries, please contact the responsible person. The scores each week are taken from the Referees' Official Report.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

PHIL TAYLOR

By REX BENSON

Those of you who saw the news-reels of last year's English F.A. Cup Final, will remember His Majesty shaking hands with the Liverpool team. The captain, who introduced his men, was Phil Taylor, now chosen to fill the last wing-half position for the Australian tour.

Taylor comes of a sporting family, his father and brothers being well-known players for Bristol St. George, when it was the premier amateur club. While at Greenbank school I remember him as a fine all-rounder, being a good cricketer as well as an outstanding soccer player. He gained the highest schoolboy honor when chosen to captain the English boys against Wales at Bristol in 1931. The score-sheet was blank with only a few minutes to go. Then Taylor gathered a loose ball and thirty yards from goal sent a cross-shot to the top corner of the net for the winners. It was perhaps the biggest thrill any lad could experience in his home-town, but one that did not give him a swelled head.

Signed as a professional by Bristol Rovers a few years later, being a well-built youth, he was soon introduced to League football as a right-half, but appeared as inside-forward in the Cup-tie against Arsenal in 1936, having scored a first-half hat-trick in the previous round. The Rovers scored first but Arsenal ran out easy winners and eventually won the Cup. Good inside-forwards were then at a premium, and in those days, as Third Division clubs were the poor relations of the more exalted ones in the First Division, it was not surprising that Taylor was transferred to Liverpool in the same year for a large fee.

He reverted to right-half, and represented the English League XI in that position. While he has been with Liverpool they have been League Champions and Cup Finalists. Taylor, who is somewhat similar in build and features to Keith Miller, is one of the few players who has recently sported a slight moustache. He is a good leader, and may captain the tourists in the absence of Flewin.



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Letters To The Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir.—Alex. Barr comments on referees' rig-out, that their attire might command respect; the same cannot be said for the ability of some so-called referees to administer and follow the game according to the rules. On viewing five games we have had one who gave a fair go to both sides and of one on Wednesday, "Enough said." If the game is to progress, then the refs. must progress with it, so come along, refs., get the books out, study and train for the game and really EARN your quid. To the Referees' Association, "SHAKE 'EM UP."—Yours, etc., SUPPORTER.

[I am sure it would help the Referees Association to reply to you if you had mentioned which Wednesday game you referred to, Supporter.—ED.]

Sir.—On behalf of the Macedonian Soccer Club I desire (through "Soccer News") to apologise to Park Rangers. We were unable to get a team to meet them at Yarra Park on May 9. Owing to injuries and employment, most of the players could not attend.—Yours, etc., D. ELLIS.

Sir.—I am an ardent Soccer fan and never miss a game. I come from St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. Our city has held the U.S. Soccer championship a number of years. I am writing for information in regard to the coming English team. Where are they to play, starting time, and admission price? I notice here in advertising Soccer League fixtures in the newspapers, the starting time is omitted. You will notice in Australian football the starting time and place of play are given.—Yours, etc., FRANCIS H. GREUTER.

[Your queries are answered in today's advertisement. Initial difficulties over grounds are now overcome.—ED.]

NOTICE

The Brighton Soccer Club has now obtained sufficient copies of the Blue Soccer Handbooks. Will clubs who kindly offered surplus copies please note?—Yours, etc., W. R. JONES.

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Home and Away

We regret that owing to his absence with the State side in Adelaide, our columnist, Mr. Alex. Barr, was unable to contribute his column in this edition. This popular feature will reappear in next week's issue.—EDITOR.

STATE SELECTORS

With the Adelaide debacle fresh in their minds the State selectors are determined on radical changes in the State team. In fact, it will have to be completely rebuilt. Tomorrow (Sunday, May 20), a further State Trial game will be played on No. 2 oval, Olympic Park. Players chosen to play may rest assured that each has the opportunity to make the State sides to play against England on Wednesday, June 6, and Saturday, June 9. The following players are therefore required to turn up at No. 2 oval, Olympic Park, at 2.15 p.m.

POSSIBLES. — Weight (Park Rangers), Heath (Moreland), White (Prahran), Drummond (Brighton), Weaherall (Prahran), Jack (Brighton), T. Sharp (South Yarra), Drennan (Sunshine United), Wilson (Prahran), Roubel (J.U.S.T.), Bambo (Prahran), Burrows (South Yarra), Ramsay (Sunshine United), McKenzie (Brighton).

PROBABLES. — Czauderna (Polonia), White (Prahran), Zablocki (Polonia), McDougall (Brighton), R. Rowe (Yallourn), Barrett (Yallourn), Biatek (Polonia), Ostland (Yallourn), Trentini (Juventus), Pittoni (Juventus) Hirst (South Yarra), Managh (Ullsterville).

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By HARRY BAYLEY

It is with much regret that I report the departure of our energetic secretary, Bob Goodwin, to take up new duties with U.N.R.R.A. overseas. During his short term of office, Bob has always showed a keen interest in soccer, especially at Yallourn, and naturally he will be sadly missed. We are, however, fortunate in having as his successor another keen soccer fan in Jock Ferguson, who, by the way, is a glutton for work. So we say many thanks to Bob for what he has done and the same to Jock for what we hope he will do. By the way, the new secretary's address is: J. Ferguson, 7 The Angles, Yallourn, so if secretaries and others will kindly make a note of this it would be appreciated.

Our President, wee Geo. Carr, and treasurer, Tony Daddo, although living at Morwell and Moe respectively, still work as hard as ever for the boys, for which the gods be praised. May their shadows never grow smaller. It would just be too bad if that happened to the first gent.

I am pleased to see a few more ladies assisting at the refreshment stall. Thanks a lot. We need all the help you can give. But I still think you could do with a few more helpers. Now, ladies, what about it?

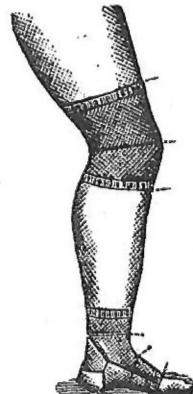
The Senior side enjoyed its visit to Sunshine City on Jubilee Day and was pleased to retain its unbeaten record. Thanks a lot, Sunshine, for the cups of warm soup. Being a cold day it was doubly appreciated.

We were also pleased to entertain a team from Heyfield last Sunday and a very enjoyable game it was to watch. With a few more games Heyfield should have a jolly good team. If not up to standard in its playing the team is, however, far above any team I have seen in an early appearance. Every man appeared on the field perfectly attired and came out of the dressing-room as a team, not in bits and pieces. Well done, Heyfield, and good luck.

Just one more bit of thanks and that is to our coach, Hughie Grant. He knows what he wants and gets it. He is a quiet, unassuming man and a real gent. on and off the field. You are doing a great job, Hughie. Anyhow, Yallourn were always lucky.

NOTICE

Will all clubs entering Queens in the Queen Carnival, please send in photos of these charming ladies for publication as soon as possible?—EDITOR.

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DISASTER IN ADELAIDE

So complete was the knock-out in South Australia that it is difficult to convey to anyone not present just how decisive was Victoria's defeat.

It was unfortunate that Jackie Wilson broke down in training. The suggestion by one newspaper that he and Rough were unfit when they left Victoria is entirely untrue. Both players were given a clean sheet by a masseur before leaving. In Rough's case a fall when gathering the ball brought on a recurrence of an old strain. He was unlucky also to have his fingers severely kicked early in the game.

While it is not intended to condemn any players individually, it is only fair to state that the forward line as a whole was a complete failure. At no time was it a danger to a defence comprised almost entirely of much bigger men.

Tragic also was it to see the misunderstanding between halves and backs, and lack of distribution by the former. Outstanding player of the day was Bill Drummond, left-back. He played a slashing game throughout and saved two certain goals on the line with the goalie beaten. Ralph White, at right-back, also played his sound captain's game. The effort to combine a back line that played the third-back game with at least two halves that didn't was too much for any man.

Anyway, all who visited South Australia came back somewhat chastened. We cannot help but congratulate the South Australian Association. This win will undoubtedly give it a great fillip in Australian affairs.

Glad Tidings from Sydney

We are delighted to report, after the dismal story in Adelaide, differently about our boys who played in the Australia v. New South Wales game in Sydney. They seemed to have acquitted themselves well and to have created a good impression. From reports in the Sydney "Soccer Weekly News" Joe Wilson made a very good impression and so did Tommy Jack, who is very popular over there. Eric Heath also pleased, although the competition for the full-back position is very keen. Personal observation, as well as reports, indicate that there are few really good wingers available in Australia, so we are confident that Joe Wilson will make it.

All three boys felt that the other two did extra well. That speaks well for the Victorian *esprit de corps*.

Reports are that the three Queenslanders, with the exception of Nunn at centre-forward, were not outstanding. The place of any of these six players, who may be unfortunate to fall by the wayside, is likely to be taken by a New South Welshman.

We wish to make it clear that the rumor—that the next trial game will be Australia v. Victoria in Melbourne, with three New South playing in the Australian side, and four Victorian selectors to judge their fitness to represent their country later—is completely without foundation. We are glad to be able to deny this truly unreasonable suggestion.

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Club Jottings



BOX HILL

Sunshine United visited Surrey Park on Wednesday, May 9. A close game being anticipated, the crowd were not disappointed as the game turned out to be similar to the recent struggle with South Yarra.

The United forwards settled down to systematic football and the Hillmen's defence appeared lethargic and disorganised. Consistent pressure by Sunshine soon had its reward. Ramsay scored and Collins netted from a well-placed corner by Lowe. Box Hill came to life and goals scored in quick time by Overall and Macdonald made level pegging at half-time.

With the advantage of the wind the Hillmen had opportunities, but getting in too close before shooting United defence was enabled to clear. From a breakaway Collins of Sunshine was tripped in the penalty area and Harraden gave United the lead, but when the Hillmen attacked strongly Bird presented Box Hill with a goal by heading into his own goal.

With scores again level and only two or three minutes to play Box Hill set off for the winning goal. This was obtained by Overall from a splendid individual effort. However, a penalty against Sunshine was missed by the referee whose decisions or lack of them at times upset the players. Final scores: —Box Hill 4, Sunshine 3.

The Reserve team was defeated by Sunshine, 2-1, in a well-contested game. Scores were level until a few minutes from time. — A. JARVIS.

BRIGHTON

Brighton went on its undefeated way with a 3 to 1 win against South Yarra. Better games have been seen at Hurlingham Park, but none has been played in a better spirit. It was a fitting climax when the referee, Van Pelt, congratulated both teams on one of the easiest games he has ever handled. Congratulations to the whistler himself for his quick and clear-cut decisions. He was well up with the game all the time.

The Under 19 and Under 17 teams have yet to be beaten. Which team will be the first to lower their colors? It is not often that the appearance of the man with the collection box is welcomed around the line, but the patter with which Paddy indulges on the touch lines at Brighton always raises a laugh and makes them dig deeper. [Ask for two bob, Paddy.—ED.] "All for Soccer," as Paddy says, and as the box gets heavier his ever-ready smile gets bigger. If he sells carpets as well as he sells Soccer he must be a super-salesman. Nice work, Paddy! For Theatre night tonight, arranged by the Ladies' Committee, the tickets have gone like the proverbial hot cakes.

See the secretary for tickets on the bus to Yallourn on June 2. This promises to be a grand trip and if your name is not down you have no hope of a seat. I would like to commend Don Bingham on his views for insurance for players. The time is overripe for the Association to do something, and not leave it to individual clubs. — ALEX. MAC.

FIFERS

Last week we were premature in saying we had a surplus of players, for arriving at Moreland, we learned two Seniors were casualties, and we were forced to call on two semi-fit players to fill vacancies. However, this fact must not detract from Moreland's 3-0 win. We were fighting hard all the time to keep them out. Rarely has a finer display of goal-keeping been seen than that produced by George MacFarlane and he rightly earned the congratulations of all his team mates after the game.

Today we extend a hearty welcome to Hakoah J.R.C. We know the side plays good football and a fine game should result.

Remember our invitation to Thursday night training and the cup of tea! Seems we forgot to mention it was free! Now, fellows, that should decide you to come, so how about it? There's also talk of supplying biscuits—but please don't ask for houses or flats; we aren't exactly rolling in finance.

FOOTSCRAY CITY

Jubilee week was certainly not a jubilant time for the City. Three decisive defeats came in a row, and "injuries" only partially responsible. On Jubilee Wednesday Brighton took the honours—3-0—and on Saturday Sunshine United won, 4-1. The United wing-halves dominated the game and the teamwork was fine to watch. Lawrie played his usual consistent game, and Baker nullified good work by faulty passing. The wiliness of Les Bird was beyond Jack Smillie, and a pleasing feature was the play of Myers and Bryson, promoted from Reserves.—FREDDIE GREIG.

FRANKSTON

On Jubilee Day Frankston was unable to play its League match at Frankston and so the venue was changed to Balwyn. Frankston recorded its second League victory of the season by 5 to 3. The goal-scorers for Frankston were P. Ims (3), G. Keen and P. Morgan. Thanks, Balwyn, for a very enjoyable game and, as some of us say, a very clean game except for the mud.

On Saturday Frankston continued its winning way over Geelong United by 10 goals to 2. Frankston goal-scorers were P. Ims (5), C. Davenport (3), T. Kerr and J. Herdman.

All members are reminded not to forget the general meeting at the C.W.A. Hall, Frankston, on Thursday, May 24.

We are hoping to start a Junior team to play curtain-raisers before the League match and we are desirous of arranging matches with Junior teams up to 16 years of age. If anyone desires a match, will they please contact me at 44 Cranbourne Road, Frankston? — P. Ims.

PARK RANGERS

The only point that called for any enthusiasm from the spectators at the game with Sandringham was the stubborn resistance of the ten Sandringham players after Walker had been hurt. After the fine game on Wednesday against South Yarra one looked for some improvement from the home team. Except for occasional flashes of good play, superiority was with the visitors, who displayed more purpose. At the same time, Rangers could be excused for some unsteadiness in the second half after a very doubtful penalty for hands by Mackie.

In the first half McQuadie sent in a long shot across goal and the flight of the ball deceived Weight as it went into the far corner of the net. Early in the second half McLeod (Park Rangers) dribbled through the defence to equalise for the lakesiders. Shortly afterwards a second goal came from Mulcahy who converted a centre from Lee, centre-left. To sum up, Sandringham put up a good performance, while the home team was unable to reproduce the form of the previous Wednesday.

Park Rangers' Ladies' Committee will hold a dance on Saturday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the Christ Church Hall, St. Kilda.

POLONIA

Now that the first round is over, Polonia club wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the other clubs which have played in our competition for their friendly attitude and wonderful sportsmanship. This enabled it to improve the standard of the game in the Fourth Division.

We wish to thank our supporters for their co-operation, continued attendance and support (both home and away), which give great encouragement to the players.

We wish to thank the president, Mr. Z. Zabuski, who since the Polonia team was established hasn't missed any of the games and who by constant material support and by taking care of the players put our team on the way to victories. We thank our committee for the job done in the first stage of our organisation and for the efforts to make our team an outstanding one.

A dance will be held in Manresa Hall, Burwood Road, Hawthorn, on Saturday, May 26, and we will be happy to see as many as possible there. All are invited to attend.

PRAHRAN

Prahran's victory over Sunshine City was no surprise, but the game had several noteworthy features. One, undoubtedly, was Paddy Weatherall's goal — a beautiful straight kick from about thirty yards out which whistled over the heads of the defenders, beat the goalie and astonished everybody, including Paddy. In the first half the left-wing outshone the right. Ron Taylor played a particularly good game until he was injured just before half-time. Remmers at centre also gave a good performance.

Congratulations to Joe Wilson on his "mentioned in despatches" from Sydney on May 9. He is full of praise for the organisation of the match.

PRESTON

Jubilee week will always be remembered at Preston. On Wednesday Preston went down to Juventus to the tune of 9-2. We are proud and pleased with the fine types of New Australians we meet with when playing against these National teams. On Saturday at Flinders in a fast and entertaining game Preston lead, 2-1, but Navy opened up a broadside at long range and at half-time the visitors were trailing, 4-2. The second half was so grand a display of football that spectators came over from other codes to cheer the Navy on. In Jarvis Navy has a player who will go a long way in soccer. The referee, G. Gatt, gave fine displays on Wednesday and Saturday. His control of the games, especially against Juventus, left nothing to be desired. We are looking forward to meeting J.U.S.T. and hope to open a run of successes.—V. HAYES.

SANDRINGHAM CITY

Jubilee Day, May 9.—First Team v. Prahran at Olive Street. Prahran won 8-2.

Reserves v. Prahran at Prahran. Prahran won, 7-0.

Saturday, May 12.—First Team v. Park Rangers at Middle Park ended a draw, 2-2.

Reserves v. Park Rangers Reserves at Olive Street. Result: Park Rangers Reserves 7, Sandringham City Reserves, 1.

Under 19 team v. South Melbourne resulted in a draw, 2-2.

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The Under 17 team had a bye.

Under 14 team v. Moorabbin resulted in a win for Sandringham, 9-0.

At the moment we have three players out of the game with serious injuries and another three we hope will be fit in a week or two.—W. E. LINDSAY.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

On Jubilee Day at Olympic Park Hakoah won, 3-1. Our boys gave a good display on a very bad playing surface. On Saturday against University at Princess Oval, although handicapped by injuries, every man played well and South won, 5-3. Brooker made a welcome return, scoring 2 goals. Lie and T. Olievers, our two Dutch boys, played well. We should settle down into a good combination shortly.

University defeated our Reserves, 4-1, in a scrappy game at Middle Park.

Under 19 drew, 2-2, with Sandringham. Under 17 lost, 1-0, to Box Hill. Under 15 beat Northcote, 2-0, Johnson scoring both goals. This boy and Peter Hathaway, behind him, played good football. Gleeson, Clarke, Thomas, and Drennan showed improved form.

Under 14 "A" lost to Park Rangers, 4-2. The wind spoiled this game. South scored first but Rangers rallied. Good play by Sykes gave Rangers a 4-1 half-time lead. This was too much for South, who played better in the second half. McLean dominated the centre, but although Dodds, Moulton and Westwood tried hard the leeway could not be made up.

Under 14 "B" lost to Box Hill, 10-0. These boys (only seven of them) played really well and will make good boys in the future.—A. CALF.

SOUTH YARRA

Due to injuries to the forward line in previous games, Yarra fielded a weakened side, but gave Rangers a shock. After being two goals down, Yarra drew level and staged an assault upon the Rangers' goal, in which everything was done but scoring. Rangers attacking got the ball up to the Yarra goal but Reynolds cleared. Yarra was awarded a penalty but failed to convert, the ball being shot practically straight at the Rangers' goalie. Rangers came away again and Gillies opened with a beautiful drive, giving Reynolds no chance. Not long after Lee (playing great football) notched number 2 for the Rangers. The Rangers were playing all over Yarra now and the Yarra defence was hard put to hold out until half-time. Yarra 0, Park Rangers 2.

Upon resumption, South Yarra took charge of the game and carried the attack into the Rangers' defence time after time. From a good pass by Bain, Bolton, playing strong and clever football, got past the backs. With a terrific shot he gave Yarra its first goal. Bolton was definitely a great worry to the Rangers' defence, but many of the passes coming to him were too high in the air for him to control. Again Bolton scored, bringing the scores level. From a breakaway Mulcahy gave Rangers the lead again. Final scores: South Yarra 2, Park Rangers 3.

South Yarra Third Reserves, 7; Moorabbin City, 0. Scorers for Yarra: Knott (3), Hawkes (2), Naylor, Robinson.—E. BINYON.

ULSTERVILLE

In the last match of the first round against Slavia play began at a fast pace but slackened as half-time neared. The game was very keen on resumption. Slavia, having scored in the first term, had a repeat success early in the second half. Ulsterville forwards being slow to move to the ball gave the

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opposing defence every opportunity to clear. The Slavia tally would have been greater but for the brilliant goal-keeping of J. Rodgers and assisting fine work of the centre-half and left-back. The only prominent forward was T. Simmons at centre-forward. Congratulations to Slavia on its 2-1 victory.—ALEXANDER BLACK.

WOODLANDS

Last Saturday against Moorabbin the home team was shorthanded. The visiting side kept Woodlands defending throughout. At half-time Moorabbin was 2-0 in the lead, and increased its score to 7-1 in the second half. It is disheartening to the Woodlands loyal members to be unable to field a full team each week. Prospective members will be welcome at Chelmsworth Park, Ivanhoe, to any Sunday morning practice, or they can call, telephone, or write the secretary, N. O'Brien, 4 O'Keefe Street, Heidelberg (Tel. JL 1327).

COPY TOO LATE FOR PRINTING

Notes from Sunshine United, sent to wrong address, and Juventus sent too late, have reached me too late for printing.—Editor.

Junior Section

PUBLICATION OF LEAGUE LADDERS

Many Junior soccer players have complained that no Junior ladders have been printed in "Soccer News." Rightly so, too, but has any Junior stopped to think the reason for the League ladders being omitted? Clubs are to blame. Junior ladders cannot be included in "Soccer News" if the clubs do not telephone the results of games to the official receiver of results, Mr. J. O. Wilshaw. Results of the games played in the morning should be telephoned to WF 3915 immediately at the conclusion of the games. Results of games played in the afternoon should be phoned to the "Herald" office (Central 6360, FA 8791, Extensions 407 or 416), immediately the games end.

Only by strict compliance with this request can Junior League ladders be published in "Soccer News."

Results of several games played early in the season are still not to hand. Home clubs in all games played to date are asked to send a complete list of their results to the Assistant Secretary of the Junior Association, Mr. G. Ellis, 27 Canterbury Road, Middle Park, S.C.6. This matter is urgent.

CUP-TIES START MAY 26

Draw for the Junior Cup (Under 19) and the Miller Cup (Under 17) first rounds were made as follows at the last meeting of the Junior Association:

JUNIOR CUP

Sandringham City v. Hakoah J.R.C. Byes: Yallourn, Juventus, South Footscray City v. Northcote. Preston, and Sunshine United. Moorabbin City v. Brighton.

MILLER CUP

South Yarra v. Box Hill. Sunshine United v. Army Apprentices "A." Byes: Brighton, Sunshine City, and Northcote. Preston v. Army Apprentices "B." Coburg v. Sth. Melbourne United. Park Rangers v. Sandringham City.

The first round of the Dunkling Shield (Under 15 Schoolboys) and the Blue Riband Cup (Under 14) will also be played on May 26. These draws will take place at the next Junior Association meeting on Monday, May 21. All games will be played on the ground of the first named club.

UNDER 19 FIXTURES RE-DRAWN

Owing to several clubs withdrawing teams in the "A" Section of the Under 19 Division, this Division has been made into one League only, and a re-draw of fixtures has been made by the Junior Association. Games already played will count in the compilation of the League ladders.

THE COACH SAYS

"DON'T HUNT IN PACKS"

Sounds silly, doesn't it? Yet it doesn't sound nearly as silly as it looks when you see 18 or 20 players chasing a ball like a pack of hounds after a hare. It isn't a hare, it's a football, and you are not individual hounds but part of a team of footballers. Every player in the team has a position and every player's job is to stay in that position. The ball will come to you; don't chase it. The goalkeeper has one job (we will deal with him in a later article), the two full-backs are the defenders, left-half and right-half are your feeders, the centre-half (usually the skipper) is the pivot of the team, part defender and feeder in chief.

The forward line consists of five speedsters whose job it is to carry the ball in attack after receiving it from the feeders. The centre-forward is the goal scorer. His job is to get as far up the field as possible without being off-side—to be alert and ready to put the ball in the net. If you have a good centre-man give him the ball and he will get your goals.

You won't see men like Dave Stoddart (Brighton) and George Thorrington (Prahran) running up and down the field in search of the ball. Watch them in action whenever you get the opportunity. They will show you how to play a vital part in a team perfectly. The best example of positional play can be seen by watching the Prahran forward line, which in my opinion is the best one of forwards in the game today. Watch Ralph White (Prahran)—he is always in position—and Tom Jack (Brighton), who is the perfect example of football brains today.

My advice to you Juniors is—after your game on Saturdays go along and watch these men in action. Seeing is believing, so study their technique, and you will learn more than I can tell you in print.

Remember, that short passing with every man in his position and every man working as a team, not as an individual, or hunting in packs, will win matches.

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Junior Natterings

By RECCOS

In reference to Junior referees, I have interviewed several Junior coaches and players. Junior coaches have been officiating at the boys' games, when referees are not available from the Association.

Being neutral on this matter, these views I am passing on are for public opinion. The usual procedure is for the home coach to referee. Needless to say, when wrong decisions are made, he comes in for criticism from players and spectators. But many people forget that he is doing this job voluntarily and without remuneration.

The following general idea, with the approval of the Junior Association and the Referees' Association, may overcome the difficulty that has arisen. From each club fielding Junior teams, at least two members, for example the Junior coach, manager or one of the elder Junior players, be nominated or volunteer for a school for referees under the jurisdiction of the Referees' Association. Providing that these members pass a prescribed examination, they would become qualified official referees, having full powers in controlling any game. This would overcome any shortage of referees and the boys would soon become aware that the official in charge of a game has full power to bring offenders before the disciplinary committee. Any failings by the official would become a matter for the Referees' Association.

Mr. G. Ellis, of Moorabbin City, has informed me that his club has formed a supporters' club, with the idea of raising sufficient funds to obtain a hall and equipment for the Juniors. This would be a youth club, modelled on lines of the National Fitness Group, with gymnastics, indoor sports, etc. Congratulations and good luck, Moorabbin.

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MAY 12, 1951

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P		P	W	L	D	F	A	P
First Division															
Brighton	7	4	0	3	25	7	11	Sunshine United	7	5	1	1	23	13	11
Yallourn	7	4	0	3	20	10	11	Yallourn	7	4	1	2	20	9	10
Box Hill	7	4	1	2	23	17	10	Prahran	7	4	2	1	22	13	9
Prahran	7	4	2	1	28	17	9	South Yarra	7	2	0	5	13	8	9
Sunshine United	7	4	3	0	15	12	8	Park Rangers	7	3	2	2	27	14	8
South Yarra	7	3	4	0	22	16	6	Brighton	7	3	2	2	11	10	8
Park Rangers	7	1	2	4	11	13	6	Box Hill	7	3	4	0	12	17	6
Footscray City	7	2	4	1	12	26	5	Sunshine City	7	2	5	0	11	32	4
Sandringham City	7	1	4	2	11	19	4	Sandringham City	7	1	5	1	5	20	3
Sunshine City	7	0	7	0	9	39	0	Footscray City	7	0	5	2	8	16	2

	Second Division	Second Division Reserves					
J.U.S.T.	7	6	1	0	23	8	12
Juventus	7	3	1	3	28	9	9
Hakoah J.R.C.	7	4	2	1	19	14	9
Moreland	6	4	1	1	10	8	9
F.N.D.	7	4	2	1	18	19	9
Preston	7	2	3	2	15	27	6
Fifers	6	2	3	1	13	13	5
South Melbourne	6	2	4	0	14	17	4
George Cross	6	1	5	0	13	20	2
University	7	0	6	1	12	30	1

George Cross v. Moreland, 9/5/51.—To be played later.

J.U.S.T. v. Moreland, 28/4/51.—Points awarded to Moreland.

	Third Division	Reserves				
International Harvester	6	0	0	23	3	12
Moorabbin City	7	4	2	1	22	18
Coburg	6	3	1	2	18	11
White Eagles	7	4	3	0	21	13
Olympic	7	3	4	0	16	17
Royal Caledonians	7	2	3	2	12	24
Williamstown	7	2	5	0	14	14
Woodlands	7	0	6	1	5	31

International Harvester v. Coburg.—No result telephoned.

	Fourth Division						
Polonia	7	7	0	0	32	2	14
Slavia	7	6	1	0	26	15	12
Ulsterville	7	5	2	0	27	8	10
Maccabi	6	3	3	0	17	14	6
Frankston	7	3	4	0	22	20	6
Heidelberg	6	1	5	0	3	31	2
Geelong United	5	0	4	1	7	24	1
Balwyn United	7	0	6	1	8	28	1

Geelong United v. Maccabi, 28/4/51.—To be played later.

Geelong United v. Heidelberg, 9/5/51.—Geelong please send result.

	Third Division Reserves						
Polonia	7	7	0	0	42	9	14
Park Rangers	6	5	0	1	23	7	11
South Yarra	6	4	0	2	37	14	10
R.A.A.F.	7	4	2	1	34	26	9
Williamstown	7	3	2	2	27	25	8
Coburg	7	3	3	1	34	22	7
Brighton	7	3	3	1	13	16	7
Box Hill	5	2	3	0	21	20	4
Macedonians	5	1	4	0	2	18	2
Olympic	5	1	4	0	3	29	2
Moorabbin City	7	0	7	0	9	41	0
Royal Caledonians	5	0	5	0	5	23	0

May 9.—Olympic v. Box Hill: Olympic please phone result of this match to Asst. Secretary (LB 1444).

May 12.—Olympic v. South Yarra and Park Rangers v. Royal Caledonians. (These games were not played.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT MAY 12, 1951

	Under 19 Division	Under 17 Division "A" Section					
Brighton	4	4	0	0	14	2	8
Preston	4	4	0	0	18	4	8
South Melbourne United	6	3	1	2	17	8	5
Juventus	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
Sunshine United	3	2	1	0	14	4	4
Sandringham City	4	1	2	1	5	19	3
Moorabbin City	5	1	3	1	5	11	3
Northcote	4	1	3	0	9	11	2
Hakoah J.R.C.	6	0	5	1	1	32	1
Yallourn	2	0	2	0	1	5	0
Footscray City	1	0	1	0	1	2	0

Under 17 Division "B" Section

Northcote	6	5	0	1	15	5	11
Box Hill	6	3	1	2	12	9	8
Army Apprentices "B"	6	2	1	3	14	7	7
South Melbourne United	5	2	3	0	10	9	4
Coburg	5	0	3	2	5	8	2
Preston	6	0	4	2	1	19	2

Under 14 Division

Coburg	5	5	0	0	24	2	10
Park Rangers	6	4	1	1	18	4	9
Sandringham City	6	3	1	2	28	8	8
Sth. Melb. United "A"	6	3	1	2	37	10	8
Box Hill "A"	6	3	3	0	23	12	6
Sunshine City	5	2	2	1	30	10	5
Brighton	6	2	4	0	8	35	4
Moorabbin City	5	1	4	0	5	39	2
Sth. Melb. United "B"	3	0	3	0	0	22	0
Box Hill "B"	4	0	4	0	1	32	0